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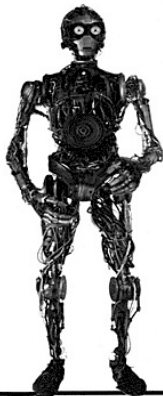
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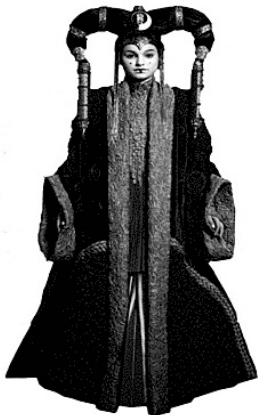
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A Queen's Diary



Written by Simon Beecroft



My name is Padmé Amidala.
I am the Queen of my planet.
Today I am going to start a diary.
I am going to start a diary because
my life is very busy.
I do not want to forget anything.



My world

If people read this diary
in the future, they might
not know about my world.
So I am going to explain
interesting things about
my world in these boxes.



Today I tried to count all the rooms
in the palace, where I live.

I quickly lost count.

My palace is so large I think I shall
never be able to explore all of it.

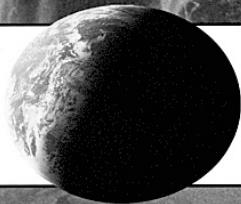


I love to climb up to one of the
highest rooms.

Then I gaze at the waterfalls that
flow down the side of the mountain.

Home world

I live on a planet
called Naboo.
Naboo is a small planet.
It is very beautiful.





Today a lot of important people
visited me.

When people meet me, some of them
are surprised that I am so young.

I am just 14 years old.

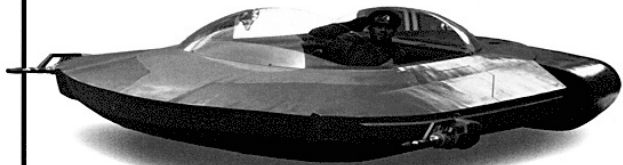
All queens on my planet are young.

I am not even the youngest!

Even though I am not very old,

I want to be a good queen.





Landspeeder

This morning I flew in a landspeeder.
I love travelling fast in landspeeders.
I flew around the city and looked at
all the pretty buildings.
Lots of people waved at me.



My palace is in the biggest city
on Naboo, but I have not always
lived here.

I was born in a mountain village.



People of Naboo

The humans who
live on my planet
are called the Naboo.
I am one of them.
The Naboo live in
cities and villages.





I was learning about the Gungans
in my lessons today.

I learnt that the Gungans also
live on my planet.

They live in underwater cities.

The Gungans can also live on land.

I would like to meet a Gungan.



Gungan



Naboo

Naboo natives

The Naboo and the Gungans do not often meet each other. They are not enemies, but they are not friends either!

I often think about my
parents and sisters.
I have many memories
of growing up
in my village.

When I was young,
my teachers realised
I was very clever.
My teachers gave me
extra training.
Later, people
decided to vote for
me as Queen.
It was the proudest
day of my life!



Padmé



Ruwee

Sola

Jobal

Eirtaé

Rabé



I have handmaidens who look after me and help me dress. They also protect me from danger.

My handmaidens are my friends, too. Eirtaé (pronounced AIR-TAY) and Rabé are two of my closest handmaidens.



Royal dress

On my planet, kings and queens wear special clothes and make-up. They also wear their hair in special ways.

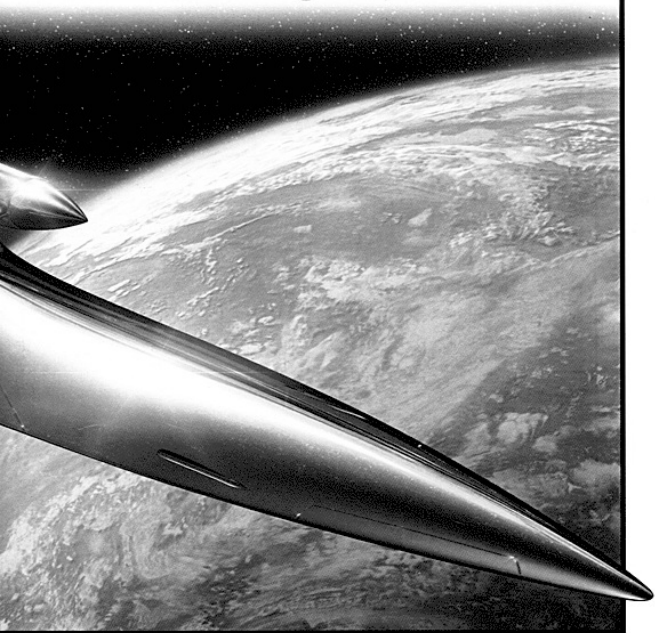
Today I am going to visit a nearby planet in my special spaceship.
My spaceship is totally silver.



Spaceships

Naboo kings and queens fly silver spaceships.
There is even a throne in my ship!

It has large rooms inside.
No one has a spaceship like mine.
I am even learning to fly it.





Sometimes it is hard being Queen,
because everyone knows me.
Sabé is my best friend and
one of my handmaidens.



Padmé

Sometimes Sabé dresses as me, and
I dress as a handmaiden.
We have a secret way of talking
in code when we are in disguise.

A terrible thing has happened.
My planet has been invaded.
Enemy soldiers tried to capture me,
but I was saved by two Jedi Knights.
I had never met a Jedi before, but
I had heard about them.
They travel everywhere to help
people in need.



Droid soldiers

The enemy soldiers are machines called droids. Every droid soldier is armed and dangerous.



Now we are flying away from my planet to search for help for my people.

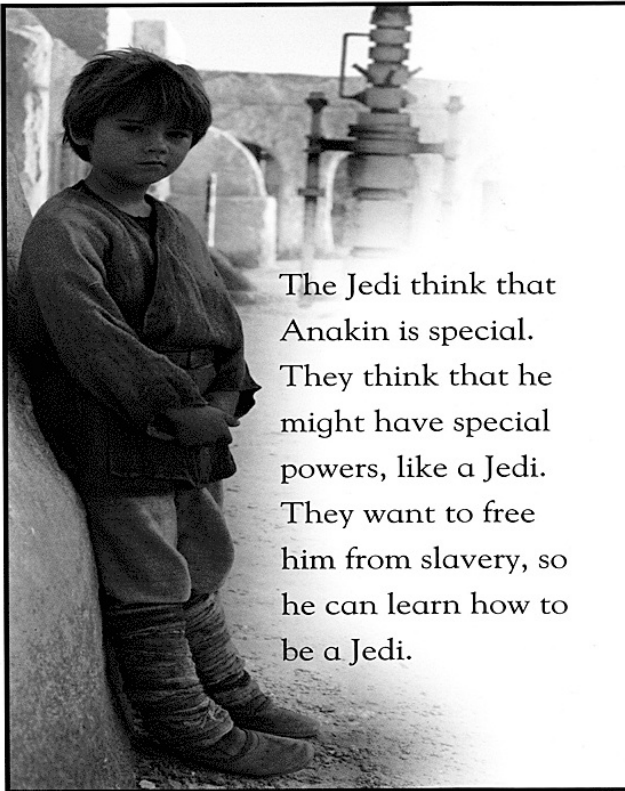




We have landed on a planet
to repair the spaceship.
The planet is rough and dry.
We went to a local town.
I went in disguise so no one
would know I was a queen.
I met a boy who is a slave.
This means that someone
owns him, and he is not free
to ever leave his master.

This young boy is very special.
His name is Anakin and he told me
I looked like an angel.
I think we will be friends.





The Jedi think that Anakin is special. They think that he might have special powers, like a Jedi. They want to free him from slavery, so he can learn how to be a Jedi.

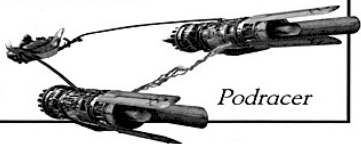


Amazing news! Anakin is free!
He won a dangerous race in his
Podracer to gain his freedom.
Now we can get help for my planet.



Amazing machines

Anakin has built many clever things.
He built a walking machine called
a droid and a racing machine
called a Podracer.



Droid

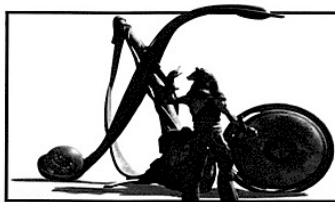
Podracer



Today I became a fighter.
No one would help my people, so
I had to help them myself.
I went with the Jedi to ask the
Gungans for help.

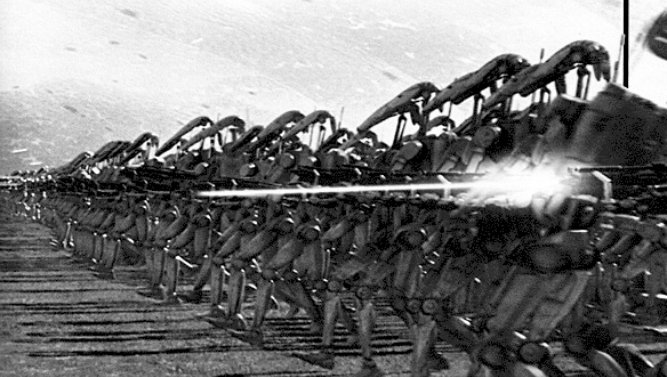


Together we made an army and fought the enemy droid soldiers. The Gungans fought bravely, but many of them died.



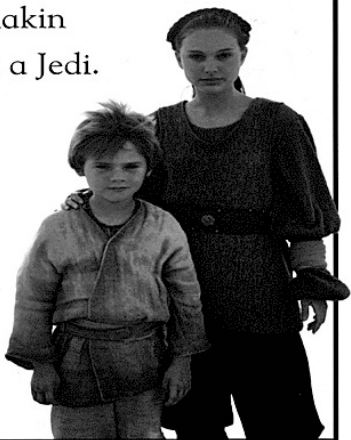
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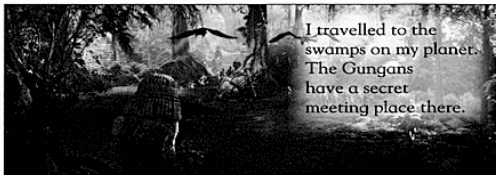




My planet is free!
Anakin helped us a lot.
He flew a spaceship straight into the
invaders' spaceship and blew it up!
Although it was really an accident,
when Anakin destroyed the ship the
droids could no longer fight.
Now I'm sure Anakin
will be trained as a Jedi.
Perhaps we will
meet again....



Places I have visited



I travelled to the swamps on my planet. The Gungans have a secret meeting place there.

I visited a dangerous planet called Tatooine with the Jedi Qui-Gon Jinn. We went to a busy town.



When I was visiting Tatooine, I watched a fast sporting race called a Podrace. A huge crowd gathered to watch the race.

I flew to the centre of the galaxy to visit the capital planet. One enormous city covers the entire planet.



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